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SPECIAL AREA:  
TYPE OF ACTION:  
CONTRACT NUMBER:  
PARTY INVOLVED:  
DATE OF ACTION:

NAS KINGSVILLE,TX  
SECTION 12,13,14,15,23,24,29,30  
ACQUISITION  
  
NAS KINGSVILLE,TX  
28-May-1943

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From: Commanding Officer, Southern Division, Naval Facilities  
Engineering Command  
To: Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
Subj: Real Estate Documents; transmittal of  
Ref: (a) P-73, Real Estate Administration  
Encl: (1) NAS Corpus Christi, Texas  
Microfilm of:  
Navy's letter 3/17/43 to Governor requesting jurisdiction;  
Deed of Cession dtd 20th May 1943 (2850 acres)  
Civil Action No. 210;  
Navy's letter of Acceptance dtd Jan 8, 1943

1. Enclosure (1) is transmitted for retention among the film records  
of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, as requested by reference (a).

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MAY 17, 1943

Sir:

Pursuant to a declaration of taking, filed September 21, 1942, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi, Division, the United States of America acquired fee simple title to certain land in the case of the United States of America v. 2,850 acres of land, more or less, in Kleberg County, Texas, Herbert Andrews, et al., Civil No. 210. This land was acquired by the United States under the authority of the Act of Congress approved February 6, 1942 (Public Law 438 - 77th Congress), for the establishment of an Auxiliary Base Field for use in connection with the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas.

Formal application is hereby made by the Navy Department on behalf of the United States of America for cession by the State of Texas pursuant to Articles 5242, 5247 and 5248, Vernons Annotated Texas Statutes, 1936, of exclusive jurisdiction over the aforementioned land which is more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A".

A certified copy of the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States dated October 1, 1942, stating that a valid title to said land is vested in the United States of America, is forwarded herewith for your convenience.

There is enclosed herewith a photostat of a map entitled "U.S. Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas--Key Plan Topographing Map Base Field P-4, near Kingsville, Texas, Y & D Drawing No. 189500", dated February 11, 1942, on which the above described land is delineated.

In accordance with the requirements of Article 5246 of the Texas laws, the judgment on declaration of taking in the above mentioned proceeding has been filed among the land records of Kleberg County, Texas.

The Navy Department will appreciate your good offices in the matter of granting the cession of jurisdiction covered by this application at the earliest practical date.

Very truly yours,

The Honorable,  
Coke R. Stevenson,  
Governor of Texas,  
Austin, Texas

/w/JAMES FORRESTAL, Acting

Enclosures (2)  
Copy to:  
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AttyGen  
CO, NAS, Corpus Christi  
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JUN 8 1943

Sir:

Receipt of acknowledgment of the letter of the Secretary of State of Texas dated May 28, 1943, forwarding a deed of cession covering 6380 acres of land in Kingsville, Kirschberg County, Texas, and used as an Auxiliary Base Field for use in connection with the Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi.

Your courtesy in granting this deed of cession is appreciated and the jurisdiction ceded is hereby accepted by the Navy Department on behalf of the United States in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Congress approved October 3, 1940 (54 Stat. 1083).

Yours very truly,

James Forrestal

Notary

The Honorable,  
Coke A. Stevenson,  
Governor of Texas,  
Austin, Texas.

cc: Comdt US NAS Corpus Christi, Texas (encl. 1)  
CG NAS Kingsville Field, Kingsville, Texas (encl. 1)  
COAS (encl. 1)  
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## Secretary of State

*Austin, Texas*

May 29, 1943

*Is: F-5-7*

Honorable James Forrestal  
Department of the Navy  
Office of the Secretary  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find Deed of Cession to 2850  
acres, more or less, located near Kingsville, Kleberg County,  
Texas, (base field for use for N.A.S. at Corpus Christi,  
Nueces County, Texas).

Yours very truly,

*Sidney Latham*  
Sidney Latham,  
Secretary of State.

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Encls.

DEED OF CESSION

STATE OF TEXAS       |

COUNTY OF TRAVIS   |

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, the United States of America has acquired fee simple title to all that certain tract or tracts of land lying and being situated near the City of Kingsville, in the County of Kleberg and in the State of Texas, to be used as an auxiliary base field for use in connection with the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas, title to which lands the United States of America has acquired by Declaration of Taking, filed September 21, 1942, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, which Judgment on Declaration of Taking has been recorded on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of April, 1943, in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_\_, of the Deed Records of Kleberg County, State of Texas, which said tract or tracts of land are more particularly described as follows:

All of that part of the Kleberg Town and Improvement Subdivision of Kleberg County, Texas being more particularly described as follows:

SECTION 12

All of lots 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 18, lying south of Transitas Creek. All of lots 14, 15, 19, 20, and 21.

SECTION 13

All of lots 3, 4, 6, 7, lying south and west of San Fernando and Transita Creeks. All of lot 5.

SECTION 14

All of lots 1, 6, and 7, lying west of San Fernando Creek. All of lots 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8, 9 and 10.

SECTION 15

Lots 1 to 16, inclusive comprising all lots in section 15.

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SECTION 23

Lots 6 to 16 inclusive.

SECTION 24

Lots 1 to 8 inclusive, Lots 11 to 14 inclusive.

SECTION 29

Lots 4 and 5. That part of lot 12 lying North of Santa Gertrudis Creek.

SECTION 30

Lots 1, 2, 7, and 8. That part of lots 9 lying north of Santa Gertrudis Creek and that part of lot 10 in Kleberg, Town and Improvement Company Subdivision, Kleberg County, Texas, described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of lot 10; thence S.  $0^{\circ} 27'$  E., 243.6 feet to a point on Santa Gertrudis Creek; thence with the meanders of said Creek, N.  $86^{\circ} 59'$  W., 51.4 feet to a point; thence S.  $67^{\circ} 53'$  W., 293 feet to a point; thence S.  $48^{\circ} 08'$  W., 174.3 feet to a point; thence leaving Santa Gertrudis Creek N  $63^{\circ} 31'$  W., 177.1 feet to a point; thence N  $81^{\circ} 43'$  W., 164 feet to a point, thence North  $51^{\circ} 18'$  W., 325.32 feet to a point; thence N.  $31^{\circ} 04'$  W., 178.8 feet to a point on the north boundary of lot 10; thence along said north boundary of lot 10, N.  $89^{\circ} 34'$  E., 1117.9 feet to the point of beginning.

And including all streets and roads lying within said area.

Containing 2580 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the United States of America desires to acquire constitutional jurisdiction over said tracts or parcels of land above described, and has made application to the Governor of the State of Texas in writing to that effect, through its Acting Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with proper evidence of such acquisition, duly authenticated and recorded, containing or having annexed thereto accurate descriptions of said tracts or parcels of land by metes and bounds as hereinbefore set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That I, Coke R. Stevenson, Governor of the State of Texas, in the name and in behalf of the State of Texas, do hereby cede to the United States of America exclusive jurisdiction over the said described tracts or parcels of land, to hold, use, occupy, own, possess and exercise jurisdiction over the

same as long as the same remains the property of the United States of America;

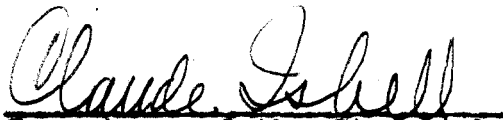
PROVIDED, however, that this session of jurisdiction is made and granted upon the express condition that the State of Texas shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States of America in and over every portion of the lands so ceded, so far that all process, civil or criminal, issuing under the authority of the State of Texas or any of the courts or judicial officers thereof, may be executed by the proper officers of the State, upon any person amenable to the same within the limits of the lands so ceded, in like manner and like effect as if no cession had taken place.

This Deed of Cession is made pursuant to Articles 5242, 5247 and 5248 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and in accordance therewith the United States of America, shall be secure in its possession and enjoyment of all said lands, and said lands and all improvements thereon shall be exempt from any taxation under the authority of the State of Texas, so long as the same are held, owned, used, and occupied by the United States of America for any of the purposes expressed the foregoing statutes and not otherwise.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name as Governor of the State of Texas and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Texas to be hereunto affixed at the City of Austin, in the State of Texas, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1943.

  
Governor of the State of Texas.

ATTEST:

  
Assistant Secretary of the State of Texas.



STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Travis, State of Texas, on this day personally appeared Coke R. Stevenson, Governor of the State of Texas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed, and in the capacity therein stated.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May A. D. 1943.

*Eunice Orter*  
Notary Public in and for  
Travis County, Texas.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gerald C. Mann  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

By *Chester E. Ollison*  
Chester E. Ollison  
Assistant Attorney General

May 18, 1972

Dear Pitman:

As per your request of May 18  
the following papers pertaining  
to jurisdiction at Ringsville  
are attached:

1. Copy of Navy's letter, 5/17/43, to  
Governor requesting jurisdiction  
over 2,850 ac. (Civil 210).
2. Deed of Cession signed by  
Governor dated 28<sup>th</sup> May 1943.
3. Copy of Navy's ltr. of  
acceptance dated June 8, 1943.

Please forward to NAVFAC  
microfilm copies -

Regards

Col. Fader

Code 0732

Naval Facilities  
Engineering  
Command  
Wash. D. C.

Mr. E. P. Seay  
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